

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Acts 15.

Psalms 45:1-2 "Beautiful words stir my heart.

I will recite a lovely poem about the king, for my tongue is like the pen of a skillful poet.

You are the most handsome of all.

Gracious words stream from your lips.

God himself has blessed you forever." (NLT)

While not all are as handsome as King Saul or King David were thought to have been, all can still know the blessings of such men.

God's blessings are not reserved for beautiful people alone, but to all who come to faith in Christ. Knowing and receiving the gift of salvation is the greatest blessing God gives. God is more interested in the heart of a person than how others admire their beauty.

But salvation is not the only blessing that we can receive. Consider the following.

The love of God. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world. . ."

The peace Jesus offers. John 14:27 "My peace I give to you. . ."

The presence of Christ. Matt 28:20 ". . . and lo, I am with you always.

The Lord's grace. 2 Cor. 12:9 " My grace is sufficient. . ."

His power offered. 2 Cor. 12:9 ". . . My power is perfected in your weakness. . ."

The wisdom of God. James 1:4 "If any lack wisdom, let him ask of God. . ."

And much more.

Some think they are not worthy of God's blessings because they are not as popular, as beautiful or handsome, not as well educated, not as financially set, doesn't have everything figured out, but this grace is based on Christ's love for us, not our worthiness.

If His grace were based on our works or worthiness, we would have reason to boast (Eph. 2:8-9), but it is not. It is based on the way Jesus knows our needs and His willingness to come to earth and die for us. (Philippians 2:6-8)

The Psalmist says the king is blessed forever. With Jesus in our lives, we are truly blessed forever.

Count your blessings, name them one by one.